

CANADA AS A HOME.

THE fact that during fifteen months ending on the 30th of September last, at least nine hundred thousand immigrants, largely drawn from Great Britain and Ireland, arrived in the United States, can hardly be regarded with satisfaction by those Englishmen and Colonists who wish to see the waste places of the Empire filled up by an industrious population. It is true there has been an influx of immigrants into Canada, particularly into her north-west, during the same period, but it has been a mere ripple compared with the tide which has flowed into the neighbouring country to give still greater impulse to its already remarkable industrial activity. It does not require any elaborate argument to prove that it would be of infinite value to the Empire at large were Canada and the Australian colonies in possession of all the national wealth that would be represented by at least one-half of the people that have given the preference to the United States for many years past. But this is an old grievance of the colonial dependencies of England. Canada has never yet received her fair proportion of the enormous immigration that has for half a century left the shores of Great Britain and Ireland. More than ten millions of souls have made the United States their home within that period. Since 1867, when the provinces were United in a Confederation, a larger population than is now in all Canada has emigrated from Europe to the United States. It is true that Canada has prospered all the while, despite that policy of indifference to imperial interests that has left the stream of emigration to flow away from Great Britain without direction. And if the Dominion has now a population of between four and five millions of people, enjoy-